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CSR Names Dr. René Etcheberrigaray to Be Deputy Director

René Etcheberrigaray, M.D., has been selected to be the new Deputy Director of the Center for Scientific Review (CSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He has been serving as Director of CSR's Division of Neuroscience, Development and Aging.



"René brings to this key position highly valued management skills and a strong commitment of NIH peer review," said CSR Director Dr. Richard Nakamura. "He also shares my vision for peer review and complements my NIH background."

He noted that Dr. Etcheberrigaray has "a great depth of experience with NIH peer review policies and practices, and he has a remarkable ability to rapidly master new challenges." He came to CSR in 2002 to be the Scientific Review Officer of the Clinical Neurosciences and Disease study section. In 2005, he was promoted to Chief of CSR's Brain Disorders and Clinical Neuroscience integrated review group, and he was named a division director in 2008.

As Deputy Director, Dr. Etcheberrigaray will play a significant role in managing the Center's 460 employees, who each year receive over 80,000 grant applications, recruit about 17,000 reviewers, and convene about 1,500 review meetings a year.

Dr. Etcheberrigaray obtained his M.D. from the University of Chile in 1987. He then came to NIH as a Fogarty International Center postdoctoral fellow, studying ion channel physiology and molecular neurobiology in an NINDS intramural lab. He continued there as a visiting associate and then a visiting scientist. Dr. Etcheberrigaray later moved to Georgetown University, where he started a laboratory that focused on potential therapeutic targets for Alzheimer's disease and the role of calcium regulation and amyloid processing in the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease. Before coming to CSR, he was the laboratory director and senior scientist at a biotech company in Rockville, Maryland.

About CSR: CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

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